THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

DATE: 17-10-2005

WRIT PETITION No.22459 OF 2005

Between:

K.S.Syed Ameerjan . . .Petitioner

And

The Regional Transport Officer, Hindupur,

Anantapur District., and another . . .Respondents

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O R D E R:

The petitioner's vehicle, bus bearing Registration No.KA07/5233, was seized on 03.10.2005, on the ground that the petitioner failed to produce the necessary documents, in relation to it. He challenges the seizure.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner, and learned Government Pleader for Transport.

A perusal of the Vehicle Check Report, dated 03.10.2005, issued by the 2nd respondent, discloses that the petitioner failed to produce the permit and R.C. of the vehicle, and that it was being driven without licence. Certain other lapses were also pointed out. The liability of the petitioner, in the context of these observations, needs to be established, in the proceedings to be initiated, under the relevant provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act. If the vehicle is detained and kept in the custody of the 2nd respondent till such proceedings take place, not only the petitioner would be put to irreparable loss, but also the vehicle would be exposed to the danger of theft and damage. The interest of the State can be protected, by imposing necessary conditions, while permitting the petitioner to keep the custody of the vehicle.

For the foregoing reasons, the writ petition is disposed of, directing that;

a. the bus bearing Registration No.KA07/5233, shall be released to the petitioner, on his depositing a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousands only). The amount, if any, collected from the petitioner subsequent to the seizure, shall be given credit to.

b. the petitioner shall also furnish an undertaking to the effect that he shall not alienate the vehicle, till the proceedings in pursuance of the Check Report are finalized, and that he shall produce the vehicle as and when required.

There shall be no order as to costs.

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(L.NARASIMHA REDDY, J)

17th OCTOBER, 2005.

Note: furnish c.c. tomorrow.

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